(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

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(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

**Sinking down of ground water in Punjab**

3009. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES *be* pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the level of ground water in Punjab is sinking down day by clay due to ex traction and lack of rains;

(b) whether the canal water provided for irrigation is sufficient to make up for the requirement; and

(c) if not. the alternative efforts being made to make water available to the farmers specially canal water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Seasonal variations and declining trend in ground water levels in certain areas of Punjab have been observed.

(b) There is no available study on this aspect.

(c) Certain measures like lining of canals, drip and sprinkler irrigation, conjunctive use of surface and ground water, artificial recharga of ground water, construction of low dams, change in cropping pattern, etc. have been initiated to improve the situation.

**Setting up of water Yamuna River Water Board**

3010. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA:

SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA;

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Supreme Court has directed the Central Government to set UP the Upper Yamuna River Water Board;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Central Government on such directive;

(c) whether the drinking water supply to Delhi would be increased by setting up of the said Board; and

(d) if so. the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir. The Supreme Court had directed the Central Government to set up the Upper Yamuna River Board before 15th March, 1995.

(b) The Central Government has constituted the Upper Yamuna River Board through a Resolution dated 11th March, 1995.

(c) and (d) The Board shall regulate the allocation of availabie flows in river Yamuna upto Okhla amongst the beneficiary States including National Capital Territory of Delhi within the overall framework of the Memorandum of Understanding dated 12-5-1994 between Uttar Pradesh Haryana. Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh and National Capital Territory of Delhi regarding allocation of surface flow of Yamuna.

Delhi has been allocated 1.119 Billion Cubic Metre (BCM) Yamuna Waters annually based on mean year availability of 11.983 BCM assessed at Okhla. Pending construction of